MATTANCHERI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL—NOMINATIONS TO

93. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) on what basis are nominations to Municipalities made;

(*b*) the names and communities of the persons nominated to the Mattancheri Municipal Council;

(*c*) whether there is a rule that Government servants are not to be nominated to Municipalities to represent various unrepresented communities;

(*d*) whether there is any one among those who were nominated to the Mattancheri Municipality who has applied to the Staff Selection Board, and whether the same person has not officiated in Government service on many occasions and is now in the waiting list ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Unrepresented and minority communities are being nominated.

(*b*) 1. Mr. K. B. Menon, Assistant Engineer, Southern Division—Nayar.

2. Sry. Seema Elias—Jew, Lady.

3. Mr. Oomersey Jevath Khona—Tea Merchant—Gujarathi.

4. Mr. Lakshmanan Raman—Kudumbi Chetty.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* With regard to subdivision (b) Sir, among the various nominations made in the different Municipalities in the State, is there any one who is an applicant to the Staff Selection Board and who has officiated several times besides this Jewish lady ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* Will the hon'ble member take it from me that there is not a single instance, Sir,

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did the Government consider whether Government servant would adequately safeguard the interests of the public?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes, the Government servant can.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* Did the Government consider this aspect of the question?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* When this nomination was made she was not in the first place in Government service. The fact of being an applicant to the Staff Selection Board is not a disqualification. Secondly, if she were appointed subsequently there is no objection for her to represent the interests of the community.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* If there is a question between the Jewish Community and the Government will she ever vote against the Government?

Mr. President: That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* May I know whether she is in service to-day?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി : ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് സർവ്വീസിലിരിയ്ക്കുന്ന വേറെ വല്ല അദ്ധ്യക്ഷയും ഇതിനുമുമ്പു് എറണാകുളം മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ നോമിനേറ്റുചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടൊ?

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മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി : മിസ്സിസ്സു് പവിത്രന്റെ നോമിനേഷൻ അതിൽ പെട്ടതല്ലെ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Quite so.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി : മിസ്സിസ്സു് വേലായുധമേനോനും ഉദ്യോഗത്തിലിരിക്കുമ്പോഴല്ലെ നോമിനേറ്റു ചെയ്തതു്?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Quite so.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* May I know the reasons for nominating this lady who is an applicant to the Staff Selection Board?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In the first place, she is a Jewish lady. She is educated and she is a member of the Malabar Jewish Association. She is also an Honorary Visitor of the Mattancheri Hospital.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* Did the Hon'ble Joint Secretary examine whether there were any other ladies besides this lady?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We did not go about hunting for ladies. We found a very suitable lady.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* When there are other qualified ladies why did you nominate this lady?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* My answer is we found a quite suitable lady for nomination and we nominated her.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* What is her qualification?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* She has passed the Intermediate examination.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* Does the Hon'ble Joint Secretary know that there are graduates and ladies with European degrees among the Jewish community?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I don't think that graduates with European qualification are special qualifications for nomination to the Municipal Council.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* Is it the opinion of the hon'ble member that a lady with Intermediate qualification is superior to a graduate?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I did not propose to give any such opinion on the floor of this House.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know whether that lady is allowed to vote against the views of the Government in the Council?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* She is at perfect liberty.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether these persons have been nominated in the usual way of accepting the recommendation of the Diwan Peishkar?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Diwan Peishkar was also consulted with regard to these nominations and wherever possible his recommendations have been accepted.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I have asked a clear question whether these are the nominations recommended by the Diwan Peishkar?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is not an invariable or inviolable rule that only the persons recommended by the Diwan Peishkar should be nominated.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether there is not a rule in the Municipality that subordinate officials

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should not stand for election? Is it not because they would be influenced by their superiors?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is a rule like that.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Has not that point been taken into consideration when this lady has been nominated?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is no superior officer there to exercise any sort of influence upon these people.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Is it the case of the Government that there were no other qualified hands for nomination than this lady?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We did not go about looking for other qualified candidates.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Is it the position of the Government that if a particular name occurs to their mind they will confine their decision to that name only?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Not necessarily. Where there is necessity to go about inquiring we will do so.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know whether the Government has considered the inadvisability of nominating a Government servant when a non-official was available?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* She was a non-official when she was nominated.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* How did you find out the name of this lady?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We got representation from the Jewish community of Mattancheri that she may be nominated.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* Will you kindly place that petition on the Table?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I have not got the paper just now with me. If you will give me time I will place it on the Table.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* Is it stated in the petition that a Staff Selection Board applicant should be nominated?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is no reference to the Staff Selection Board in it.

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Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I don't no.

ERNAKULAM MUNICIPAL COUNCIL—NOMINATIONS TO

94. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the names and the communities of the persons nominated to the Ernakulam Municipality;

(*b*) whether it was a practice to nominate a Jew to the Ernakulam Municipality;

(*c*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the reasons for not nominating a Jew to the Ernakulam Municipality now?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 1. Dr. A. K. Menon, Civil Surgeon—General Hospital—Nayar.
2. Mr. R. Kochukrishnan, Advocate, Ezhuva.
3. Sreemathi K. Janaki Amma—Vala—Lady.
4. Mr. Stanley P. Louiz, Government of India Contractor and Planter, Anglo-Indian.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) There were other unrepresented and minority communities.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* In making nominations does the Government consider the amount of tax paid by the various communities?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* May I know whether the nominations referred to in (*a*) are not sub-divisions of major communities?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Some of them are sub-divisions of major communities.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* Does the Jewish community belong to any sub-division?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No. These nominations can be made in rotation from among various communities.

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